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DISCUSSION

Canadian Patents No. 2,257,674, 2,294,829 and 2,068,935 are discussed in the specification. The remaining references are of general interest only. A copy of all patent and nonpatent references is enclosed.

Should the Examiner have any questions after reviewing this Information Disclosure Statement, he is cordially invited to telephone the undersigned attorneys.

Respectfully submitted,

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		Country Code3 – Number4 – Kind Code5 (if known)				
		CA-2,257,674	01-07-2003	Cordonnier et al.		
		CA-2,294,829	01-14-1999	Gruenwald		
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